

and uninterruptedly associated its work with the general revolutionary struggle of the working class. Being formally independent of the Party the Union in fact submitted itself to the directions of the left wing of the Social-democrats—i. e. the bolshevik party, and subsequently the Communist Party. During the reign of the czar the economic and political struggle of the Petrograd Metal Workers Union which existed immediately before the advent of the war were inseparably connected. Every economic strike was converted into a blow against the existing political system. The masses of the members of the union were brought up in a spirit of revolutionary social democracy.

The revolutionary struggle is unfolding in all countries and the metal workers as the section of the proletariat with the greatest class training is everywhere at the head of the revolutionary struggle. Our union is therefore confident of the early possibility of the revolutionary international organization of metal workers. The third conference of the union instructed the Central Committee to take steps towards the establishment of such a union.

Attentively harkening to the footsteps of our foreign comrades the Russian Metal Workers Union on the basis of its historical experience is convinced that the only path to the revival of humanity is the dictatorship of the proletariat. The Russian Metal Workers' Union says to its foreign comrades "See, we experienced the rule of bourgeoisie, the rule of a coalition, we thought to improve our position by fighting for higher wages, but our experience compelled us to take the path of socialist revolution. The first years were indescribably difficult but we are winning and will conquer and with our own hands will establish the reign of labor and we look forward with full confidence to the victory of the workers of Western Europe and America."

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